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H. RES. 1065

Raising a question of the privilege of the House.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. PELOSI submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

RESOLUTION

Raising a question of the privilege of the House.

Whereas for more than 150 years, parents from across the country have sent their children to be pages in the U.S. Capitol, the Page School is a national treasure, and the children who attend it and work in the Congress are our special trust;

Whereas, according to press reports, Representative Mark Foley (R-FL) reportedly engaged in highly inappropriate and explicit communications with a former underage page;

Whereas these allegations were so severe that Representative Foley immediately resigned his seat;

Whereas the page worked for Congressman Rodney Alexander (R-FL) and, according to press reports, Rep-

representative Alexander learned of the emails “10 to 11 months ago” (AP, September 29, 2006);

Whereas Rep. Alexander has said, “We also notified the House leadership that there might be a potential problem”, and the Democratic leadership was not informed (AP, September 29, 2006);

Whereas all Members of Congress have a responsibility to protect their employees, especially young pages who serve this institution;

Whereas these charges demand immediate investigation, including when the emails were sent, who knew of the emails, whether there was a pattern of inappropriate activity by Mr. Foley involving email or other contacts with pages, when the Republican leadership was notified, and what corrective action was taken once officials learned of any improper activity; and

Whereas given the serious nature of these charges, the pages, their parents, the public, and our colleagues must be assured that such egregious behavior is not tolerated and will never happen again: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That—

2 (1) the Chairman and Ranking Member of the
3 Committee on Standards of Official Conduct are directed to immediately appoint a Subcommittee, pursuant to Rule 19 of the Rules of the Committee, to
4 fully and expeditiously determine the facts connected
5 with Representative Foley’s conduct and the response thereto; and
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1 (2) the Chairman and Ranking Minority Mem-
2 ber of the Committee on Standards are further di-
3 rected to make a preliminary report within ten days.

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